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The King following the victory, entred presently one of the Subburbes of Chartres, the Townes men seeing this, beganne to make a motion of peace with him, and offered to deliuer him the town & fifty thousand crowns, vppon condition, that he would remoue his forces, and place no Garrison therein, which the King refused to do, and thereupon prepared to batter the Towne in two places, hauing resolued not to leaue it vntill he haue gotten it. And it is verily beleeued that he is in it already, which if he be, we are greatly bound to giue God thanks for it, for as much as those of Paris will greatly be hindred by the same, for that they had most of their victuals from those quarters thereabouts.

The Lord Deguidieres deputie Lieutenant for the king in the prouince of Dalphinate hath of late so hotely pursued the Dukes of Sauoyes forces that he entred his cittie of Ciamberie (chiefe parlament towne of Sauoy) and sacked and spoiled the same, and then loden with the rich praye thereof, left it, forasmuch as he had not forces sufficient with him to keepe and munite the same, and so withdrew him selfe home againe without any losse.

The saide Lorde Deguidieres returning home

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from Ciamberie into Dalphinate met with the Duke of Nemours and his forces (who knowing the absence of the gouernour thought to haue surprised some townes) and so charged him that he slue most of his Cauallarie and made him retire toward Lions, (whereof the Duke is gouernour) whither the Lorde Deguidieres did so stoutly follow him, that those of Lions fearing least hee would entrench him selfe in their Suburbe called Guillottiere, adioyning to the gate of Rodan, and is a verie faire, long, and rich Suburbe, set fire to the same, and haue cleane burnt it vp: but he withdrew him selfe into his owne gouernment, where he hath so honourably behaued himselfe, that hee hath in a maner reduced the whole Prouince to the obedience and deuotion of the King, and is such a terror to his enimies, that none dare stirre.

The King of Spaine had commaunded certaine Cornets of horsemen of Naples, to come downe from thence to the Duke of Sauoy, that with them he might infest and trouble those of Dalphinate, in as much as they were horses of more swiftnesse and speede then hee hath any, but the Lord Deguidieres hauing met with them, hath altogether defeated them, that verie few or none hath escaped him.

Those of Geneua haue lately taken a forte called the forte of Saint Catherin, not verie farre from Geneua, which the Duke hath not long since caused to bee built onely to vexe them, and they haue razed the same, and haue gone spoiling, wasting and burning so farre as Nantua, which is two dayes iourney from Geneua.

Those of Air in Prouence, with all the countrie there aboutes are in a mutinie and tumult against the Duke of Sauoy (to whom they had voluntarily giuen them selues) forasmuch as he went about to build a Cittadel in Air, which they by no meanes will suffer.

The cittie of Marseille which with the greater part of the countrie of Prouence (through the faire promises and inſtigations of the King of Spaine) had accepted the Duke of Sauoy to be their Protector, and in ſigne of that, aduanced the ſtandard of the holy League (which is a crucifixe) hath of late vpon the tumult of Aix reuolted from him, and erected the Armes of Fraunce, and doth publiſh that it holdeth and will holde for the king of France.

Certaine Iacopin Friers of the cittie of Terracon, ſituate vpon the riuer of Rodanum, together with ſome euil minded Citizens therof, had practiſed to giue the citty to the Duke of Sauoy, of whom they had receiued many faire and large promiſes: and hauing agreed both of the meanes and time, the gouernour of the cittie hauing had ſome inteligence thereof, and diſcouered their whole platforme, one night before their treaſon ſhoulde haue beene effected, cauſed the Iacopins and all their complices to be taken and laide in ſundrie priſons, and that verie night ſent certaine of his companies out of the towne there to lye in an ambuſh, vntil ſuch time as they ſhould heare three ſtrokes of a Bel, which was the watch-word betweene the Iacopins and the Duke of Sauoys Lieutenant. All this being thus appointed, the Dukes forces came to the cittie, who ſoſoone as they were neare the gate, at which they ſhoulde haue beene let in: the Bell was ſtriken three times, where preſently the Ambuſh that was laide without the towne aſſaulted them, and thoſe of the cittie which ſtood prepared to receiue them, opened the gates and ſallied out vpon them, where in leſſe then halfe an houre the Dukes men being ſo ſurpriſed in the middeſt were euery man ſlaine, and their Captaine ſo ſore hurt, that he dyed two dayes after, ſo was the cittie reſerued for the King, for whom it holdeth ſtil.

The Duke of Sauoye is of late fallen into a conſumption

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tion, and lieth very sicke at Nizza, so that his Phisitions doe despaire of his recouery.

The Lord Chatillion hath of late had the Lord de la Chastres in chase, and hath so nearely pursued him that hee hath driuen him to Chasteauneuf, where hee doth straigtly besiege him, and is in hope to haue him, if hee may haue ordinance to batter the Towne.

By letters from Aleppo, and Tripoly in Soria the twenty ninth of December, and the second of January last, it is written to diuers of Venice, that in the confines of Palestina were newly start vp two religious men, who vnder colour of a reformation in religion, and certaine plausible orders which they would haue obserued, name themselues Prophes sent by God to illuminate the Maumetists, and to bring them out of darknes to eternall light, who had so many followers that it was wondrous to tell, and that one of them was gone with ten thousand men to helpe the Persians in his warres against the great Turke, and the other kept still about Palestina, and daily conquered great countries, and increased in forces and number of men, to the great terror of the Turkes.

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